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SUBJ: PACIFIC ISLANDS TRAVEL OF NEW ZEALAND GOVERNOR-GENERAL
BLUNDELL

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1. SUMMARY. MFA HAS PROVIDED A REVISED ITINERARY FOR
VISIT OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL DENIS BLUNDELL AND OFFICIAL
PARTY TO AMERICAN SAMOA, THE TOKELAUS, WESTERN SAMOA,
COOK ISLANDS, NIUE AND FIJI IN LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST.
SIR DENIS HAS INDICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR HIS EXPECTA-
TION THAT HE AND LADY BLUNDELL WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY
GOVERNOR RUTH WHILE THEY ARE IN AMERICAN SAMOA. END
SUMMARY.

2. REVISED ITINERARY FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES LOCAL):

JULY 24 - HMNZS CANTERBURY ARRIVES PAGO PAGO 1000 HRS.

JULY 24 - GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVE PAGO
PAGO, FLIGHT TE526, 1815 HRUS. ENTIRE OFFICIAL
PARTY TO STAY ABOARD CANTERBURY.

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JULY 25 - REMAIN IN PAGO PAGO. MFA ADVISES THAT NZ HIGH

COMMISSIONER IN APIA, PAUL COTTON, HAS BEEN OR
WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNOR RUTH REGARDING
THE PROGRAM FOR SATURDAY EVENING/SUNDAY.

JULY 26 - DEPART PAGO PAGO ABOARD CANTERBURY, APPROXIMATELY
1000 HRS.

JULY 27 - ATAFU (TOKELAUS)

JULY 28 - NUKUNONU (TOKELAUS)

JULY 29 - FAKAOFO (TOKELAUS)

JULY 30 TO

AUGUST 1 - APIA

AUGUST 2 - ASAU AND BACK TO APIA

AUGUST 3 - POLYNESIAN AIRLINES FROM APIA ARRIVING PAGO PAGO
0830 HRS. DEPART PAGO PAGO 1040 HRS. ABOARD RNZAF
ORION FOR COOK ISLANDS.

AUGUST 4

AND 5 - CONSTITUTION DAY ACTIVITIES IN RAROTONGA

AUGUST 6 - NIUE

AUGUST 7 - 0940 HRS. DEPARTURE NIUE VIA ORION FOR FIJI.

AUGUST 8 - NADI

AUGUST 9 - SUVA

AUGUST 10 - RETURN TO WELLINGTON ABOARD ORION VIA NADI.

3. OFFICIAL PARTY WILL CONSIST OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND
LADY BLUNDELL, MRS. R. WINSTONE (THEIR DAUGHTER), OFFICIAL
SECRETARY MR. DAVID WILLIAMS, AIDE-DE-CAMP CAPTAIN
M.D. STUART, AND NAVAL STEWARD, CHIEF PETTY OFFICER M.P.
JONES. MR. NEIL WALTER, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TOKELAU
AFFAIRS, MFA, WILL ALSO BE TRAVELING WITH OFFICIAL
PARTY AND A SECOND MFA OFFICER, FROM APIA, WILL LIKELY
MEET THE PARTY IN PAGO PAGO JULY 24.

4. (FOR GOVERNOR RUTH FROM AMBASSADOR SELDEN.) IN
DISCUSSION WITH GOVERNOR-GENERAL BLUNDELL LAST
SATURDAY, HE MENTIONED HIS VISIT TO PAGO PAGO, AND I
BELIEVE HE IS HOPING THAT YOU WILL IN SOME WAY BE
ENTERTAINING THEM WHILE THEY ARE IN PAGO PAGO. IT
WOULD CERTAINLY BE MY RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU DO SO. WHILE
SIR DENIS DID NOT MENTION HIS SECOND BRIEF STOP
IN PAGO PAGO ON AUGUST 3, I NOTICE THAT HE WILL HAVE
ABOUT TWO HOURS IN THE MORNING BETWEEN FLIGHTS. PERHAPS
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YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT PERIOD
AS WELL.

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